

NEWS and NOTES

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LOS ANGELES

Appointment of **Dr. Pauline O. Roberts** as assistant district health officer of the southeast and southwest districts of Los Angeles was announced last month by Dr. George M. Uhl, Los Angeles city health officer.

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The **Second Postgraduate Assembly**, sponsored by the staff of Saint John's Hospital, Santa Monica, will be held September 11, 12, 13, 1950. There will be panel discussions on diseases of the kidneys, parenteral fluid balance; focal infections, ACTH and cortisone, and cirrhosis of the liver, and seminars will be held on pediatrics and obstetrics.

RIVERSIDE

Dr. Everett Stone recently was appointed Riverside County health officer to succeed Dr. Robert Westphal who resigned to become health officer of Sonoma County. Dr. Stone had been Dr. Westphal's assistant.

SAN FRANCISCO

A **World Health Organization** fellowship has been awarded to Dr. E. Richard Weinerman, visiting associate professor of medical economics and head of the division of medical care administration at the University of California School of Public Health. Dr. Weinerman will study teaching and research programs in the preventive and social aspects of medicine being carried out by various European universities.

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The **Borden Foundation Undergraduate Research Award**, a cash prize of \$500, given to the member of the graduating class of the University of California School of Medicine for the best original research, this year was presented to Eugene Eisenberg for his work on the steroid hormones. A **special award** of \$250, given anonymously, was presented to John Langton in recognition of his research on pain patterns.

YUBA-SUTTER-COLUSA

Dr. Edith Young, formerly Sonoma County health officer, has been appointed health officer of the bi-county Sutter-Yuba Health Department. She succeeds Dr. Carl A. Scherer who resigned because of ill health.

GENERAL

The Los Angeles Heart Association and the heart division of the San Francisco Tuberculosis Association will hold **postgraduate symposiums on heart disease** in October. The meeting in Los Angeles is scheduled for October 18 and 19 in the Wilshire-Ebell Theater, and the San Francisco meeting for October 25-28 at the St. Francis Hotel. Guest speakers at both meetings will be Dr. George Pickering, professor of medicine, University of London, and Dr. Carl J. Wiggers, professor of physiology and director of the department of physiology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

The **American Congress of Physical Medicine** will hold its 28th annual scientific and clinical session August 28, 29, 31 and September 1, 1950, inclusive, at the Hotel Statler, Boston. All sessions will be open to members of the medical profession in good standing with the American Medical Association. Full information may be obtained by writing to the American Congress of Physical Medicine, 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 2, Illinois.

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Effective since June 1, the **new fee schedule for the CPS-VA Home Town Care Program** brings a general increase in payments to physician-members for services rendered to veterans with service-connected disabilities. The higher fees are the result of negotiations that had been under way between C.P.S. and the Veterans Administration since the standard C.P.S. fee schedule for the commercial program was introduced in September, 1949. With but few exceptions, the new veterans' fee schedule has now been brought into conformity with the commercial schedule.

Of particular interest to physician-members is that payments for office visits have been increased from \$2.50 to \$3.00, while payments for follow-up home visits have been raised from \$3.75 to \$5.00. These higher fees are of greater significance when it is considered that by far the largest percentage of all C.P.S. payments are for home and office visits. Also of importance is the fact that payments under the veterans' fee schedule, as in the past, are made at the full schedule rate.

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Award of four grants to California institutions to aid in **research on diseases of the heart and arteries** was announced last month by the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund. In addition, a postgraduate research fellowship was awarded to a California physician.

The awards to institutions:

Scripps Metabolic Clinic, La Jolla, for research by Dr. Eaton M. MacKay on the metabolism of pressor amines in relation to hypertension, \$2,625.

Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, for research by Dr. Emile Holman on experimental valvular disease, cardiac anastomoses, and hemodynamics, \$5,880.

University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, for research by Dr. Clinton H. Thienes on cellular mechanisms in the action of drugs on the cardiovascular system, \$8,925.

University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley, for research by Dr. I. L. Chaikoff on the metabolic characteristics of arterial tissue and the pathogenesis of arteriosclerosis, \$18,795.

The fellowship was awarded to Dr. Gordon M. Tomkins, of Los Angeles, for research under the supervision of Dr. I. L. Chaikoff at the University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley.

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The **American Society for the Study of Sterility** offers an annual award of \$1,000, known as the Ortho Award, for an outstanding contribution to the subject of infertility and sterility. Competition is open to those in clinical practice as well as individuals whose work is restricted to research in the basic sciences. Essays submitted for the 1951 contest must be received not later than March 1, 1951. The prize essay

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

For more complete information as to fees and time of sessions address the institutions as listed.

JULY 1950

University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine

Diagnosis and Therapy of Cancer—July 17 to 22, 1950.

Address: 813 South Hill Street, Los Angeles.

AUGUST 1950

University of California at San Francisco, Langley Porter Clinic

Psychiatry and Neurology—August 28 to November 17, 1950.

Address: Stacey R. Mettier, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Head of Postgraduate Instruction, Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, California.

SEPTEMBER 1950

University of Southern California, School of Medicine

Clinical Review of Internal Medicine—12 weeks full-time from September 11 to December 1, 1950.

Cardiology and Vascular Disease—12 months, full-time from September 11, 1950 to September, 1951.

Hematology—12 weekly, 2-hour evening lectures. Clinical application of newer diagnostic methods in cardiology. Given at Los Angeles County Hospital.

Recent Advances in Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology—Given in San Diego.

Electrocardiography—Given at Centinela Hospital, Inglewood.

University of California at Los Angeles

Symposia on Therapy in Metabolic, Endocrine and Gastrointestinal Diseases—September 20 to December 13, 1950. Wednesday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m.

Surgical Anatomy—September to December, 1950.

Stanford University, School of Medicine

September 11 to 15.

Morning Courses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Course 1—General Surgery

Course 2—Acute Surgical Emergencies

Course 3—Surgical Anatomy
Course 4—Internal Medicine
Course 5—Electrocardiography
Course 6—Diseases of the Chest
Course 7—Pediatrics

Afternoon Courses: 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Course 8—Surgical Anatomy
Course 9—Proctology
Course 10—Fundamentals of Roentgen Diagnosis
Course 11—Fractures
Course 12—Internal Medicine
Course 13—Obstetrics and Gynecology

Address: Stanford School of Medicine, 2398 Sacramento Street, San Francisco 15, California.

OCTOBER 1950

University of California at Los Angeles

Recent Advances in Obstetrics and Gynecology—One week.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1950

University of California at Los Angeles

Ophthalmology.

DECEMBER 1950

University of California at Los Angeles

Internal Medicine—9 months full-time, December 4, 1950 to September 1951.

JANUARY 1951

University of California at Los Angeles

Advanced Hematology—Eight lectures.

TWO-DAY MEDICAL INSTITUTES, sponsored by the COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES and by the local county society in each locality (exact dates to be announced later).

Santa Barbara in October 1950.

Fresno in November 1950.

Riverside in January 1951.

Santa Rosa in February 1951.

Sacramento in March 1951.

will appear on the program of the 1951 meeting of the society. For full particulars, address the American Society for the Study of Sterility, 20 Magnolia Terrace, Springfield, Mass.

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Administrative separation of the California Tuberculosis and Health Association and the California Heart Association was announced recently. The joint operation of the two organizations was terminated by mutual agreement because of an "increased need for additional funds for

medical research and program development in heart disease which the Christmas seal sale alone could not adequately supply without seriously jeopardizing the 46-year-old campaign to stamp out tuberculosis," according to official announcement. The California Heart Association has reestablished direct affiliation with the American Heart Association, and hereafter will conduct its own fund-raising program in California. Under the plan of separation, C.T.H.A. will continue financial support of C.H.A. on a diminishing scale until 1953.

The close relationship between the two groups will be continued. They will continue to use combined facilities, sharing the cost.

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After a number of years of joint operations, **California Physicians' Service** (Blue Shield) and Hospital Service of Southern California (Blue Cross) will terminate their joint operating agreement December 1, 1950.

This decision, made at a recent meeting of the governing boards of the two organizations, means that after December 1 C.P.S. will function throughout the state as an independent physicians' organization—as it has long done in Northern California. The action was taken by C.P.S. and H.S.S.C. in the interest of greater service to the public and improved operating efficiency.

The present status of C.P.S. physician-members is not affected and there will be no change in existing claims or payment procedures. Similarly, the several hundred thousand C.P.S.-Blue Shield members in Southern California may continue their present benefits without change or interruption.

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The American College of Physicians has announced that a limited number of fellowships in medicine will be available from July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952. These fellowships are designed to provide an opportunity for research

training either in the basic medical sciences or in the application of these sciences to clinical investigation. They are for the benefit of physicians who are in the early stages of their preparation for a teaching and investigative career in internal medicine. Assurance must be provided that the applicant will be acceptable in the laboratory or clinic of his choice and that he will be provided with the facilities necessary for the proper pursuit of his work. The stipend will be from \$2,200 to \$3,200.

Application forms will be supplied on request to the American College of Physicians, 4200 Pine Street, Philadelphia, 4, Pa., and must be submitted in duplicate not later than October 1, 1950. Announcement of awards will be made in November 1950.

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Pamphlets containing a statement of policy adopted by the American Association of Registration Executives and the Council on Vital Records and Vital Statistics regarding **the confidential nature of birth records** are available in limited number to physicians who request them, according to recent announcement by the Federal Security Agency. The announcement said that copies were being sent to all local medical groups.

Single copies may be obtained by addressing Halbert L. Dunn, M.D., National Office of Vital Statistics, Washington, 25, D. C.

